

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below, including the addition of three (3) new independent claims and five (5) new dependent claims. Upon entry of the amendments to the claims, twenty-eight (28) claims are pending in the application, of which six (6) claims are independent in nature.

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1.(Amended) A suspension article, comprising:
a frame;
a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of attachment strips, wherein said grid has a first pre-stretched grid configuration and a second stretched grid configuration; and
a plurality of fasteners attaching said second stretched grid configuration of said uniplaner, non-woven grid to said frame through said attachment strips.

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3.(Amended) A suspension article according to claim 1, wherein said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid comprises closely-spaced primary members and points of intersection, said closely-spaced primary members being connected by said points of intersection, said primary members being integrally formed with said points of intersection in said first pre-stretched grid configuration and being stretched between said attachment strips in said second stretched grid configuration; said attachment strips having substantially the same configuration in said second stretched grid configuration as when integrally formed with said grid in said first pre-stretched grid configuration.

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10.(Amended) A suspension article, comprising:

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a frame; and

a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of J-strip fasteners, said grid having a first pre-stretched configuration and a second stretched configuration, said J-strip fasteners attaching said second stretched configuration of said grid to said frame.

21.(New) A suspension article, comprising:

a frame;

a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of attachment strips; and

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a plurality of fasteners attaching said uniplaner, non-woven grid to said frame through said attachment strips, wherein at least one of said plurality of fasteners is an actuated fastener attached to one of said pair of attachment strips.

22.(New) A suspension article according to claim 21, wherein said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid has a first pre-stretched configuration and a second stretched configuration and wherein said plurality of fasteners attach said second stretched configuration of said grid to said frame through said attachment strips.

23.(New) A suspension article, comprising:

a frame;

a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of attachment strips, wherein each of said attachment strips is comprised of a pre-stretched border element; and

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a plurality of fasteners attaching said uniplaner, non-woven grid to said frame through said attachment strips.

24.(New) A suspension article according to claim 23, wherein said attachment strips are selected from a group of pre-stretched border element configurations consisting of a pre-stretched grid section, an embedded-wire section, a flat and wide section, and a J-strip section.

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25.(New) A suspension article for providing support within a frame, comprising:
a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid, wherein said grid is comprised of primary members and points of intersection, and wherein said grid has a first pre-stretched configuration and a second stretched configuration, said primary members being integrally formed with said points of intersection in said first pre-stretched configuration, said primary members being stretched lengthwise in said second stretched configuration; and
a pair of attachment strips integrally formed with and bordering said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid, wherein said attachment strips are connected to said grid through said points of intersection.

26.(New) A suspension article according to claim 25, wherein said attachment strips have substantially the same configuration in said second stretched configuration as when integrally formed with said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid in said first pre-stretched configuration, and wherein said primary members are parallel in said first pre-stretched configuration and in said second stretched configuration.

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27.(New) A suspension article according to claim 26, wherein said attachment strips are selected from a group of border element configurations consisting of a pre-stretched grid section, an embedded-wire section, a flat and wide section, and a J-strip section.

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28.(New) A suspension article according to claim 25, further comprising a plurality of fasteners attaching said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid to the frame through said attachment strips.

Claim Mark-Ups:

1. A suspension article, comprising:
a frame;
a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of attachment strips, wherein said grid has a first pre-stretched grid configuration and a second stretched grid configuration; and
a plurality of fasteners attaching said second stretched grid configuration of said uniplaner, non-woven grid to said frame through said attachment strips.

3. A suspension article according to claim 1, wherein said substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid comprises closely-spaced primary members and points of intersection, said closely-spaced primary members being connected by said points of intersection, said primary members being integrally formed with said points of intersection in said first pre-stretched grid configuration and being stretched between said attachment strips in said second stretched grid configuration; said attachment strips having substantially the same configuration in said second stretched grid configuration as when integrally formed with said grid in said first pre-stretched grid configuration.

10. A suspension article, comprising:
a frame; and
a substantially uniplaner, non-woven grid integrally formed with a pair of J-strip fasteners, said grid having a first pre-stretched configuration and a second stretched configuration, said J-strip fasteners attaching said second stretched configuration of said grid to said frame.